

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A set of ~~non-interengageable~~ elements for building easily disassembled and collapsible structures, each element comprising:

a flat structure ~~a~~ having a front and a rear surface and at least one edge defining a perimeter common to the two surfaces; and

a plurality of protrusions on at least one of the surfaces, each protrusion having a body portion extending away from the element;

wherein the body portions of one or more protrusions, when in abutting contact with an edge of another element, anchor the other element by preventing the edge of the other element from sliding beyond the point or locus defined by said one or more protrusions;

whereby structures are assembled by leaning a first element against a second element and anchoring the first element against sliding by one of placing an edge of the first element in abutting contact with at least one protrusion of a third element and anchoring the edge by placing it on a suitable non-slip

surface₇ and balancing an element on top of one or more other elements.

2. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the elements is planar.

3. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the elements comprises a polygonal card.

4. (Previously presented) A set of elements according to claim 3, wherein at least one of the elements comprises a rectangular card having planar front and rear surfaces and four linear edges.

5. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the elements is provided with protrusions on both surfaces thereof.

6. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein the protrusions of at least one of the elements are substantially uniform in shape and size.

7. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein the protrusions of at least one of the elements are arranged in linear groups to form rows.

8. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 7, wherein the protrusions of the at least one element are regularly spaced within each row.

9. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 7, wherein the corresponding protrusions of each row are linearly arranged to form columns.

10. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 7, wherein the rows are alternately placed on the two surfaces.

11. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein at least one surface of at least one element has a free region devoid of protrusions.

12. (Previously presented) A set of elements according to claim 11, wherein a free region is centrally located on one or both surface of the at least one element.

13. (Previously presented) A set of elements according to claim 11, wherein a free region is ornamented by a design element comprising words or images.

14. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 11, wherein the protrusions of at least one element are arranged along a contour on the at least one surface, the contour being adjacent to and following along the perimeter of the element and being substantially uniformly spaced therefrom.

15. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 14, wherein the protrusions of the at least one element are arranged along contours on both surfaces of the element.

16. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein the body portion of each protrusion is tapered inwardly as it extends away from the surface of the element.

17. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 16, wherein the protrusions are frusto-conical.

18. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein the protrusions are substantially in the form of a right cylinder.

19. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein the protrusions are hollow.

20. (Original) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein the protrusions are solid.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the elements comprises a rectangular card having planar front and rear surfaces and four linear edges, wherein said at least one element is provided with solid protrusions on both surfaces, wherein the body portion of each protrusion is tapered inwardly as it extends away from the front and rear surfaces of the element, and wherein the protrusions are arranged in linear groups and regularly spaced to form rows of substantially uniform shape and size alternately placed on the two surfaces thereof and wherein the corresponding protrusions of each row are linearly arranged to form columns.

25. (New) A set of elements according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the elements comprises a rectangular card

having planar front and rear surfaces and four linear edges, wherein such surfaces each have a free region devoid of protrusions centrally located on both surfaces of the at least one element and ornamented by a design element comprising images, wherein said at least one element is provided with solid protrusions wherein the body portion of each protrusion extends away from the surface of the element, and wherein the protrusions are arranged along arranged adjacent said linear edges on both surfaces of the element.